Senate District 15 Special Vacancy Election

All references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise noted.

If there is an asterisk by the date, the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday and, in most cases, has been moved to the next business day.

June 22 Primary – August 17 Run-Off (if needed)

April 27 (E-56)	Legislature Confirms – Maldonado Resigns – Governor calls Election A special election to fill a vacancy in the office State Senator shall be conducted on a Tuesday at least 112 days, but not more than 126 days, following the issuance of an election proclamation by the Governor pursuant to Section 1773 of the Government Code. Except that any special election may be conducted within 180 days following the proclamation in order that the election or the primary election may be consolidated with the next regularly scheduled statewide election or local election occurring wholly or partially within the same territory in which the vacancy exists, provided that the voters eligible to vote in the local election comprise at least 50 percent of all the voters eligible to vote on the vacancy. §10703, 10704
Apr. 27 – Apr. 29	In-Lieu Petitions Period for candidates to obtain forms from the county elections official for securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirement for the office on the Nomination Papers if the signer is affiliated with the party in which the nomination is proposed. §§ 8061, 8106(b), (d)
Apr. 27 – May 10 (E-63 to E-43)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period Nomination papers shall not be circulated more than 63 days before the primary election, shall be left with the county elections official for examination not less than 43 days before the primary election, and shall be filed with the Secretary of State not less than 39 days before the primary election. § 8040, 8062, 10704, 13107.3
Apr. 27 – June 8 (E-57 to E-14)	Statement Of Write-In Candidacy And Nomination Papers Period for all write-in candidates to file their Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official. § 8601

May 11, 11 a.m. (E-42)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the ballot. §13112
May 13 - June 12 (E-40 to E-10)	Counties Mail Sample Ballots Period in which the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.
	§§ 13300, 13304
May 24 (E-29)	Establish Precinct Boards and Polling Places Last day for the county Elections Department to appoint board members and polling places and provide a copy to each county central committee and make a copy available to the public. §12286, 12318
May 28 E-25	Furlough Day Office Closed
May 29* (E-24)	First Day for Vote-by-Mail Ballots Notwithstanding Section 3001, applications for absent voter ballots may be submitted not more than 25 days before the primary election, except that Section 3001 shall apply if the special election or special primary election is consolidated with a statewide election. §10704©
May 31 E-22	County Holiday Office Closed
June 7 (E-15)	Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot Voter registration cards received by this date (postmark NOT ACCEPTABLE) will be added to the rolls and the voters will receive a Sample Ballot booklet prepared by the county elections official. The voters who submit cards after this date will NOT receive a Sample Ballot booklet, only a notice advising the late registrant that he/she will not receive a Sample Ballot and Voter's Information Pamphlet. §9094, 13303
June 8 – June 15 (E-14 to E-7)	New Citizen Registration Period Period in which new citizens may register to vote. A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. §§ 331, 3500, 3501

June 12 (E-10)	Notice of Central Counting Place Last day for county elections official to publish the notice that the special election ballots will be counted at a specified public place. The notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §12109
June 15 (E-7)	Last Day to Request Vote-by-Mail Ballot Last day voters may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot from the Elections Department. §3001, 3003
June 16 – June 22 (E-6 to E)	Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Late Conditions Voters unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability or because they will be absent from their precinct on election day, may come to the Elections Department and receive an absentee ballot over the counter. Voters may designate in writing a representative to bring the absentee ballot to them. The voter may either personally or through the authorized representative return the ballot to the Elections Department or polling place in the county. §3021
June 22 (E)	Election Day All ballots must be received by an election official no later than 8 p.m. All candidates shall be listed on one ballot and, except as provided in subdivision (b), if any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, he or she shall be declared elected, and no special general election shall be held. If only one candidate qualifies to have his or her name printed on the special general election ballot, that candidate shall be declared elected, and no special general election shall be held, even if that candidate received less than a majority of the votes cast. §1000, 14212, 10705
June 23 (P+1)	Official Canvass Begins The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed. §15301, 15372